

HB 2464 -- IN-STATE TUITION

SPONSOR: Davis

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Veterans by a vote of 13 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Select Committee on Social Services by a vote of 9 to 0.

Currently, all dependents of active duty military personnel, or activated or temporarily mobilized reservists or guard members, assigned to permanent duty station or workplace in Missouri are deemed domiciled in Missouri for the purpose of eligibility for in-state tuition at public institutions of higher education in Missouri. This bill adds all dependents of honorably discharged veterans who were ever assigned to a permanent duty station or workplace in Missouri to those individuals who are deemed domiciled in Missouri for the purpose of eligibility for in-state tuition at public institutions of higher education in Missouri.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the bill allows children of veterans who have served in Missouri to receive in-state tuition at public colleges and universities. This is a big draw for veterans who served a great amount of time in Missouri and want their children to attend college in Missouri. The problem occurs when the veteran's home of record is not Missouri. The veteran is then required to live in Missouri for a year before his or her dependents can receive in-state tuition. When a veteran is separating, he or she will look to live where there are good incentives for veterans and good incentives for the education of veterans' children.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Davis; Michael Haffner, AFA Of Legislative Affairs; Erik Anthes; and Sean McLafferty.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.